

Weather  
Unsettled today and Friday, continued cold; Max. Temp. Wednesday 51.5, Min. 41; river, 3.4 feet, rain .13 inch, North wind.

Little Merchants  
Your Stateman carries  
says for the papers he de-  
sires. Prompt payment to  
him will assist him in this  
business venture and will be  
appreciated.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

# Lewis Promises Sit-Downers Will Depart

## New Angles Develop in School Strike

### Mass Meeting Fails to Bring Final Solution

Elder Resigns, Students Object and Situation Remains Unchanged

Principal Again Target; Contract Previously Offered Him, Word

SCIO, March 24—No definite progress toward inducing Scio high school students to give up their strike and return to classes was apparent at a mass meeting attended by 200 persons here tonight at which all angles of the school controversy were discussed.

Discussion of the problem by parents indicated the majority sympathized with the students in their demand for the retention of Cecil "Bub" Elder as athletic coach, but no action was taken.

County Superintendent J. M. Bennett counseled patience, declaring that issues of this nature cannot be solved immediately. He expressed a hope that the students would return. None of the school board members nor teachers were present.

One of the leaders in the strike tore up a paper which another person at the meeting had started to read, and then an agreement to return to school tomorrow morning. The students did present the following statement: "Assurance that the business men and parents won't go back on a promise made on March 23, 1937. Cecil 'Bub' Elder come back next year for coach and teacher and Principal J. H. Tumbleton out for the year 1937-38. They will back us in a strike next fall if they fail to fulfill this promise. That we get a square deal from the principal for the remainder of this year, 1937, is also guaranteed."

SCIO, March 24—(Special)—Scio high school students were still on strike today, though momentarily this afternoon it looked like the most excitement the town has had this winter was all over but the shouting—and the boys and girls returning to classes.

At a mid-afternoon meeting of the Scio school board and County School Superintendent J. M. Bennett of Albany emerged from an all-day conference to announce that Coach Cecil Elder had voluntarily resigned and that the other four high school teachers would assume his classes until school is out. Elder was to be paid salary for the remainder of this year.

Failure of the school board to reinstate Elder, coach here the past three years, was given by high school students as reason for the strike, called Monday morning. Students Protest.

Action Withdrawn  
Word of Elder's resignation reached main street here almost before the school board members and the coach walked the two blocks from school to town. And right away an impromptu street corner gathering of men and high school boys convened upon Elder. Led by G. L. Flanagan, Sr., the unofficial meeting decided that Elder should not resign "for if Prof. Tumbleton has been rehired, Elder should be."  
Elder recalled his resignation, declaring that he wanted to do what the students and townspeople wanted done.  
"I will stay, but I want it un- (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

### Easter Egg Show Slated For Saturday

There'll be a wild scramble when doors are opened on Saturday morning at 9:30 for the annual Statesman-Capitol theatre egg-matinee, and every youngster will be expected to bring three eggs, one decorated and two fresh, an admission fee to the big show.

Bill Hagedorn, chief of the Mickey Mouse club is in charge of the program which includes "Dinky" with Jackie Cooper, "Backyard Broadcast," a cartoon and news reel.

### School Strike's Central Figure



CECIL "BUB" ELDER

### Eleven States Hit By Wintery Blasts

Snow Halts Traffic, Some Communities Isolated; Tornado Kills Two

(By The Associated Press)

A blustering gale swept snow, hail, sleet and dust across 11 states yesterday.

A tornado killed two persons in Alabama while snow-laden winds that attained a velocity of 50 miles an hour spread damage through the midwest.

Four days after the astronomical advent of spring, heavy snow halted traffic, snapped communication lines and isolated communities behind drifts that ranged up to six feet in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Wine facilities were disrupted over virtually all of South Dakota in what telephone officials termed the worst storm in more than a decade. One firm reported 1,300 poles down. Six-foot drifts took form at Watertown. Huron, Aberdeen, Pierre and Mitchell were cut off. A ten-inch fall blocked roads at Rapid City. Fifty-mile-an-hour gusts eased off to between 30 and 40 in the Sioux Falls area.

Travel was paralyzed and telephone lines were toppled in parts of Minnesota. The snow blanket measured a foot at Marshall and Austin, and piled up to two feet at Chaffield. Air service ceased.

### Move to Dismiss Ward Case Fails

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24—(P)—Trial of Montgomery Ward & Co. on charges of violating the Wagner labor relations act ended here today after four motions for dismissal and exclusion of evidence by company counsel were denied.

Clarence G. Young, company attorney, rested his case without calling any witnesses. To expedite the trial the names and substance of the testimony of 44 witnesses not yet called by the labor board were read into the record.

Dr. Towne Nylander, presiding at trial yesterday, indicated he will not announce his decision for at least a week.

The company is accused by 52 former employees of discharging them for union activities in violation of the Wagner act.

In seeking dismissal of the case today, Young contended the act violates the fifth amendment of the constitution by relieving the respondent of property without due process of law, and the seventh amendment because it does not provide trial by jury.

### Strike Threat in Puget Sound Area Apparently Ended

SEATTLE, March 24—(P)—Threat of a general strike in the Puget Sound lumber industry this spring disappeared today when union leaders announced workers had voted 6 to 1 to temporarily accept an employers' compromise wage scale.

The lumber and sawmill workers' union had demanded a 10-cent-an-hour horizontal wage increase; employers offered a compromise seven and one-half cent increase.

### Uproar Marks London Parley On Neutrality

Russian Envoy Contends Italian Violation of Pact Is Flagrant

Last Details of United Cordon About Spain Are Agreed Upon

LONDON, March 24—(P)—An angry clash in which the Italian and Russian members almost came to blows gave the European neutrality committee's long-sought ban on foreign intervention in Spain an inauspicious send-off tonight.

In a tumultuous meeting, delegates of the 27 nations comprising the committee settled the last details of a land and sea cordon around Spain which Europe hopes will isolate the civil war and help preserve the continent's peace.

Appointment of 16 key administrators to supervise the international patrols left only the last step, the date for the scheme to become fully operative, to be decided by Admiral M. H. Van Dulm, Dutch general administrator of the arms-and-men embargo, and his aides.

Italian Activity Deemed Flagrant  
The session was thrown into an uproar when Ambassador Iva Maslky, the soviet member, declared:

"On the instructions of my government I have to call the attention of the committee to the ever-increasing military intervention into Spanish affairs on the part of the Italian government."

Maslky charged 60,000 Italians (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

### Smallpox Gain in Oregon Reported

PORTLAND, March 24—(P)—A state board of health bulletin warned today that smallpox is on the increase in Oregon, and urged general use of vaccination to prevent its spread.

State physicians reported 85 cases of smallpox in January and 89 cases in February.

The bulletin recommended that every child be vaccinated before its first birthday, pointing out that proper methods make the operation painless and bloodless, and makes the subject immune to the disease for seven years.

"Every epidemic of smallpox proves that a recent vaccination is a complete protection," the bulletin said.

### Pinball Measure Filed, Attacking Petition Also In

House bill 159, the Martin anti-pinball machine bill, was filed with the secretary of state by Chief Clerk Fred Drager of the house yesterday.

Immediately notice of referendum on the bill was filed and petitions to obtain signatures to refer it prepared for circulation.

The day preceding, notice of referendum was filed against the Carney bill against slot machines.

### One Hurt in Toledo Taxicab Strike Rioting

TOLEDO, O., March 25—(Thursday)—(P)—One man was wounded by a shotgun blast and another was slugged early today as violence broke out in the Toledo taxicab strike.

Albert Stark, 31, former Knight Cab company employe, received a minor flesh wound when a charge of birdshot was fired through the company's garage window into a room where Stark and two other men were seated.

C. C. Smith, chairman of the committee for industrial organization unit of the Knight and Yellow cab drivers' strike committee, reported to police he was slugged by a group of men who invaded the drivers' union headquarters.

### School to Reopen in Disaster Town

Other Buildings Utilized; Thorough Check Upon Safety Planned

NEW LONDON, Tex., March 24—(P)—Surviving students and teachers will pick up their class work here Monday after a 10-day interruption caused by the terrific explosion which killed 455 of their schoolmates last week.

School board officials today decided to resume classes in the grammar school and other available buildings.

The board voted to rebuild the wrecked school as quickly as possible, but did not dwell extensively on plans for the new structure.

W. C. Shaw, graying, shaken superintendent who lost a son in the explosion, was given a vote of confidence after his return from a conference with state school authorities in Austin.

Before classes reopen Monday, a thorough check of heating facilities in the buildings to be used must be made. U. S. bureau of mines en- (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Lebanon Program Given Final Oke

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2 of 5 Survivors Likely To Die, Including One Former Oregonian

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Only five persons survived out of the worst disasters in the history of motor bus transportation, and two of them were seriously injured they may die.

The bus, loaded with a professional roller-skating troupe, enroute from St. Louis to Cincinnati, Or., was going down a slight grade when its right front tire blew out about 50 feet from the bridge on United States highway No. 50, two miles west of here.

The heavy machine careened crazily, dug into the soft shoulder of the highway and rammed into the bridge abutment with (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

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### New Attack on Child Labor Is Plan of Borah

Amendment Placing Age Limit at 14 Instead of 18 Advocated

Grange Leader and Head of Princeton Oppose President's Plan

WASHINGTON, March 24—(P)—Two senators who contend that the Roosevelt court revamping legislation is the wrong way to approach social reforms, offered a pair of proposals today to end child labor.

Senator Borah, (R-Ida) introduced a constitutional amendment empowering congress "to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 14 years of age."

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) asked that the child labor problem be attacked by legislation.

The Montana urged that congress hamper the transportation of goods which are produced by children. Shipments of such goods into states which have anti-child labor laws would be prohibited.

Wheeler contended his proposal was supported by the supreme court's decision validating a similar measure relating to prison-made products.

Meantime the senate judiciary committee continued to accumulate testimony in opposition to the president's proposal to appoint six new justices to the supreme court. Princeton Leader Attacks Proposal

Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton university, and Louis J. Taber, master of the national grange, condemned the legislation on the respective grounds that it "violates the spirit of the constitution" and that it threatens the "disintegration" of the nation.

Excerpts from their testimony: Dodds—"He (the president) has invented a scheme by which he hopes to control the opinions of the court. Stripped of excess verbiage this is what the proposal amounts to: Withdraw the undated resignations may not be demanded in advance, the result will amount to the same thing."

Taber—"We are opposed to this change because of the plain implication that it is intended to change the interpretation of the constitution by legislative enactment and executive appointment." Purpose of Borah Amendment Seen

Borah offered his child labor amendment without comment, but his purpose was obvious. Through-out the discussion of the president's court plan, administration forces have contended the alterna- (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

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### Negotiates to Settle Strike



WALTER P. CHRYSLER

### Driver Will Face Hit-and-Run Case

Stafford Is Pursued Over Mile From Scene; Girl Injured by Truck

Pursued by police and witnesses for a mile and a half from the spot at Cottage and State streets where he struck and seriously injured Nadine Conway, 15, Joe LeRoy Stafford, 22, 1840 Broadway, was arrested by city police yesterday on the double charge of hit-and-run driving and driving while intoxicated.

Stafford, driving a heavy truck partially loaded with wood, was stopped by Officer Louis Burgess of the Salem police and Deputy Sheriff B. G. Honeycutt at 13th and Rural streets. His truck, which witnesses said veered from side to side of the road, was pursued from the scene of the accident by two motorists.

They said that Stafford in his getaway drive up State and then out 12th was going between 45 and 50 miles an hour.

Miss Conway, daughter of D. W. Conway, route 7, was walk- (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Motorship Blaze Is Under Control

Honolulu, March 24—(P)—The motorship Fijian was ready to continue its trip to South Pacific islands tonight after its crew won a fight with fire in the hold which forced them temporarily to take to lifeboats and call for assistance.

From data supplies by the owners, the coast guard here expressed belief the Fijian encountered trouble near Aru Atoll in the Marshall group, about 1,800 miles southwest of Hawaii.

The coast guard cutter Shoshone reported the Fijian had radioed one Chinese was "very badly injured," and asked the Japanese freighter Kogei Maru if there was doctor available.

Otherwise, the Fijian said, it would continue its journey, presumably to Lae, New Guinea, 1,500 miles further southwest, the Shoshone reported.

### Clipper Near End New Zealand Trip

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, March 25—(Thursday)—(P)—Via Pan American Airways Route—The Pan American Clipper, pioneering a commercial airline from California to New Zealand, landed here today at 5:14 p.m. (11:14 a.m. EST) but a 15-day flight removed from its destination.

New strikes affecting more (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Two Big Meetings in N.Y. Hear Court Issue Debated

NEW YORK, March 24—(P)—In two public forums here tonight the president's proposals to alter the personnel of the United States supreme court were alternately attacked and defended.

The Economic club of New York celebrated its 30th anniversary listening to Sen. Robert E. Burke (D-Neb.) and Robert R. Jackson, assistant U. S. attorney general, debate the issue.

At Carnegie hall the American labor party mustered its trade-union followers to a meeting addressed by Jackson and two senators, Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin and Hugo M. Black of Alabama—all favorable to the changes.

Industry Hopes for Reversal, Charged  
To the trade unionists of the American labor party, who flocked to the president's banner in its first test of political strength last November, Senator LaFollette asserted that industry was carrying on a "huge sit-down strike against American labor and the rights guaranteed to workers by the federal government."

Employers, he said, were refusing to bargain collectively with their employes on the theory that the supreme court will invalidate the Wagner labor relations act. In the labor strife "sweeping across the country," he declared "we are reaping the whirlwind of violence and resentment against (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

### Will Expedite Negotiation in Motors Strike

Immediate Evacuation of Chrysler Plants Is Pledge of Leader

Other Encouraging News Brightens Picture as F. R. Proposes Aid

(By the Associated Press)  
Promised evacuation of 6,000 sit-down strikers from eight Chrysler plants at Detroit, Mich., and signing of a tentative agreement to end the 19-day old-cab strike in Chicago topped developments yesterday (Wednesday) in the nation's labor disputes.

The promise to clear the Chrysler plants of strikers came from John L. Lewis, head of the committee for industrial organization, after a conference in Lansing, Mich., with Gov. Frank Murphy, Walter P. Chrysler, chairman of the corporation's board and other representatives of opposing factions.

Governor Murphy said the labor leader agreed to instruct officials of the United Automobile Workers of America to order their men from the factories at once so negotiations toward settlement of the strike could continue. As part of "the agreement, the governor said, it was provided that the conference would resume today if the plants had been evacuated."

Cab Drivers Strike in Chicago Ended

At Chicago, Federal Conciliator J. E. O'Connor announced that representatives of the striking cab drivers and company officials had agreed to terminate the walkout. But an attorney for the strikers said the announcement was "pre-mature" because the agreement had not been approved by the drivers.

O'Connor said the officials of the two companies affected by the strike had said recognition of their drivers' recognition of their union would consider wage and hour demands in later negotiations.

Meantime, President Roosevelt arranged to discuss the sit-down strike situation with congressional leaders.

Senator Robinson, the majority leader, said a new mediation system might come up for consideration next Saturday at the chief executive's conference with Robinson. Speaker Bankhead, House Floor Leader Rayburn, possibly Vice President Garner.

If the difficulties in the automotive industry have not been resolved by the time Mr. Roosevelt returns from Warm Springs, Ga., for the week-end meeting, Robinson stated, it would be desirable for legislative chiefs to seek a possible remedy.

### Responsibility Put Up to President

While "sit-down" strategy was deplored and defended in a house at Washington, Representative Hoffman (R-Mich.) said in a statement:

"Upon the president and his advisers now rests the full responsibility restoring the supremacy and upholding the integrity of the law."

Representative Dies (D-Tex.) said the rules committee would hold a hearing next week on his resolution for an investigation of sitting strikers.

The Union Packing Co. in Jersey City, N. J., initiated a new project in employer-employee relations. The management entered a "partnership" with the 200 workers by promising them monthly "dividends" scaling up to 15 percent of the profit removed from its destination.

### Ballade of Today

By R. C.  
A labor strike's deplorable, alike by workers and their boss, nor damage unresorable is always done, with mutual loss; but still it is predictable that each industrial rupture heals, for it's unconceivable, all parties need their daily meals.

## HUGHES' LETTER DEFENDS HIGH COURT

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1937.

By dear Senator Wheeler:

In response to your inquiries, I have the honor to present the following statement with respect to the work of the Supreme Court:

1. The Supreme Court is fully abreast of its work. When we rose on March 15th (for the present recess) we had heard

say that the statement is approved by them.

I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully yours,  
*Charles E. Hughes*  
Chief Justice of the United States.

Honorable Burton K. Wheeler,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

First formal statement from a member of the supreme court in answer to the president's plan for revision of the tribunal came from Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes when he wrote to Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, chairman of the senate judiciary committee. A portion of his letter in defense of the court is shown in this International Illustrated News Soundphoto.